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REPUBLICAN CLUB DINNER

Many Republicans from Hamilton College, Colgate University, and all Central New York, enjoyed the "non-partisan" dinner given by the Republican Club of Utica on Monday evening, April 18. About a hundred men from the College and several faculty members left the Hill at five-thirty, and, taking a special car, went directly to the 44th Regiment Armory, where the dinner was held.

The entire floor space of the drill room was taken up by tables for the banqueters, plates being laid for over a thousand.

The speakers' table occupied the platform extending along the east side of the Armory. Vice-President Sherman, '78, acted as toastmaster and near him were seated Senator Elihu Root, '64; Senator Depew; Hon. James E. Watkins, ex-Congressman from Indiana; Dr. Stryker and Senator Davenport, of Hamilton; President Bryan, of Colgate, and other prominent men.

The Hamilton delegation were seated directly in front of the speakers' table, while Colgate was located beneath the gallery. American flags and Hamilton banners decorated the back of the platform while the National colors were prominent thruout the Armory. Back of the Colgate tables the maroon was hung. Every place was provided with a boutonniere and a souvenir in the form of a small cardboard elephant.

At seven-thirty President Stryker asked grace, and the dinner began. After the first course "Carissima" was sung, and after the second Colgate answered with her Alma Mater. From then on thruout the meal the band in the gallery furnished music and the whole lively company joined in singing National and popular songs. At nine o'clock, cigars were lighted and all was in readiness for the speeches.

Lieutenant W. G. Mayer of Waterville read regrets from Governor Hughes and others, after which he introduced Vice-President Sherman, the Toastmaster. All the banqueters arose while the Hamilton delegation sang "What's the Matter with Sherman?—He's All Right!" This was followed by a song from Colgate "Sunny Jim." Mr. Sherman proposed a toast to President Taft, which was given with the greatest enthusiasm and then continued with his speech. After the Vice-President, Senator Elihu Root defended the policy of the Republican administration. This speech was followed by a song from Colgate: "We'll Root for Senator Root!" Next, the Toastmaster introduced Senator Depew, who defended President Taft and his policies. The last speaker of the evening was ex-Congressman James E. Watson of Indiana. He, as a Utica paper expressed it, "left no doubt that he is a Republican." He finished at a quarter to twelve and the company immediately dispersed.

Special cars were waiting for the Hamilton men when they left the Armory, and the hundred heads, crammed with politics, came out to the quiet Hill to rest.

THE SOUTHERN TRIP

Hamilton opened the baseball season at Manassas, Va., with a defeat by the fast Eastern College team. Considering the fact that it was Hamilton's first game and Eastern's tenth and that the team had no practice since the previous Saturday, the game with Seton Hall and Dickinson having been cancelled on account of rain, the game was full of promise. The infield, while at times showing a lack of team work, worked well for the first game and showed an ability to field and throw.

Up to the fourth inning neither team

was able to score. Then a couple of close decisions, a muff of a line drive by Sidle and several hits, gave Eastern three runs. Another in the fifth, two more in the sixth and one more in the seventh, brought Eastern's total to seven runs. As the box score indicates, Hamilton's inability to hit prevented them from scoring.

The following is from the *Washington Herald*:

Eastern College shut out Hamilton College, of Clinton, N. Y., today, by 7 to 0. In spite of the weather conditions, both teams played fast ball, this being the first game of the season for the visiting team. The main features of the game were the pitching of Higgins, and the all-round playing of Johnson. Score:

EASTERN					
	R	H	O	A	E
Kibler, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Bauby, 3b.	1	1	0	1	1
Russell, c.	0	1	12	1	0
Curry, 1b.	2	0	9	0	0
Waters, ss.	1	0	0	2	1
White, lf.	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson, 2b.	1	2	4	2	0
Higgins, p.	1	0	0	4	0
Breckin, cf.	0	1	2	0	0
Total	7	5	27	10	2

HAMILTON					
	R	H	O	A	E
Hallock, ss.	0	0	0	3	0
Sidle, rf.	0	0	0	1	1
Allen, 3b.	0	0	2	2	1
Drummond, p.	0	0	1	5	0
Fear, cf.	0	0	1	0	0
Root, lf.	0	1	2	0	0
Titus, 2b.	0	0	3	3	1
Gould, 1b.	0	0	12	0	0
Judson, c.	0	0	3	0	1
Watkins*	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	24	14	4

*Batted for Hallock in the ninth.

Eastern 0 0 0 3 1 2 1 0 x—7
Hamilton 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Struck out, by Drummond 5; by Higgins 12. Two-base hit, Johnson. Bases on balls, off Drummond 7; off

Higgins 2. Left on bases; Eastern 2; Hamilton 2. First base on errors, Eastern 2; Hamilton 2. Hit by pitcher, Hallock. Stolen bases, Bauby, Curry, Waters, Johnson (3), Higgins (2) Root. Sacrifice hit, Curry. Umpire, Mr. Hayes. Time of game, one hour and thirty minutes.

On Friday the team showed a complete reversal of form in the game against Randolph-Macon. The game was a repetition of the performance at Colgate last year. The infield showed no team work whatever, and the outfielders helped Randolph-Macon to pile up fifteen hits by misjudging flies. The battery work was ragged, Allen being wild and Judson weak in throwing. The fast play of Randolph-Macon, combined with the slow work of Hamilton, resulted in a score of 23 to 0 in favor of the home team. The Varsity's batting, however, improved slightly, Sidle getting two singles, Judson a two-bagger and Allen a two-bagger and a home run.

The following is from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*:

"Randolph-Macon played Hamilton College on her home diamond this afternoon and won, 22 to 3. An error was responsible for two of the runs, and the other was a home run from the bat of the visiting pitcher, Allen, by way of greeting to Green, Randolph-Macon's star twirler."

Whether or not the trip was a success is to be seen in the work of the team during the next few weeks. Of course, it was not a success financially but it showed two great defects of the team at present; inability to hit, and unsteady work with men on bases. The practice for the coming week will be directed against these defects.

CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES

At its meeting recently held in New York, the Football Rules Committee decided upon six changes in the rules for the coming year, as follows:

1. Removal of the requirement that the player who receives the ball from the snap-back run five yards to either side before advancing.

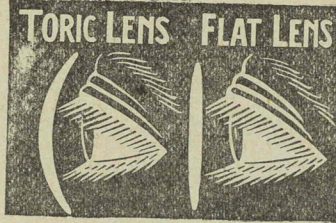
2. A requirement that seven men be maintained by the offence on the line of scrimmage.

3. Prohibition of the flying tackle.

4. Division of the game into four periods of fifteen minutes each.

5. No pushing or pulling of the runner allowed.

6. A requirement that the ball in the case of an on-side kick must strike the ground at least twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage, failing in which the members of the team kicking the ball are off-side.



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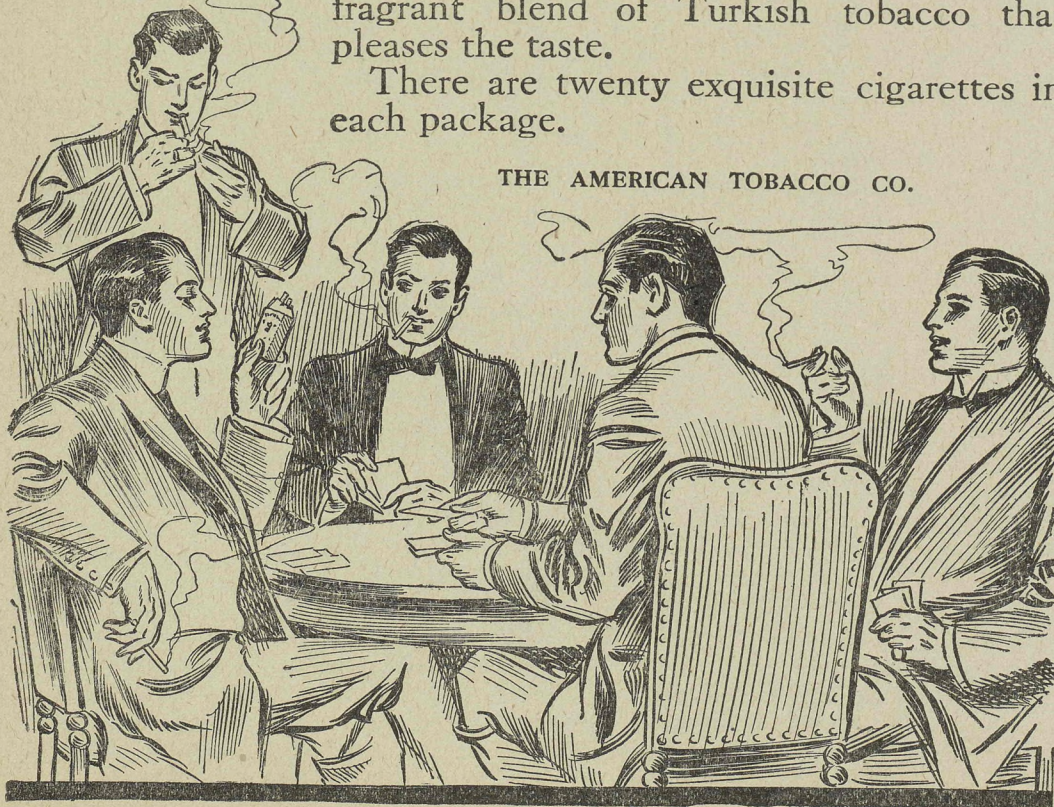


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IT IS ONE THING to complete a College course, having merely covered the required amount of work, but it is quite a different matter to do that work with a high degree of excellence; to be a "high honor man" and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

As college men we are inclined to overestimate the importance of athletics, but we feel justified in saying that the prize won by this year's Phi Beta Kappa men is of far greater worth than all the athletic insignia that any institution can offer. Athletic honors are temporary while scholastic ones are lasting.

As we have come to learn, Hamilton is not an athletic college. We wish it were, but if the making were to involve a deterioration of our scholarship the loss would be greater than the gain.

We are proud of the traditions of the college, of the men who have gone before us, and there is a certain feeling of satisfaction when we consider that the standard of scholarship in this college has never been lowered. It is just as much of an honor to graduate from Hamilton today as it was when our fathers or grandfathers took

their degrees. It is, indeed, a happy culmination of four years' work to receive, in addition to our diploma, a membership into Phi Beta Kappa, an honor that falls to but few.

To these men it has meant four years of hard work and unflagging devotion to duty, but in return they have not only a Phi Beta Kappa key, but the satisfaction of work well done.

The Phi Beta Kappa Men of 1910 have spent the four years of their course in hard study, have maintained the splendid standard of Hamilton scholarship, and will graduate in June, secure in an unstained scholastic record.

We envy them their honor, but with the College, most heartily extend our sincere congratulations.

THE CARELESS ATTITUDE of several men last term in regard to Wednesday and Saturday Chapel appointments has recently forced the Faculty to take some action to effectively remind us of our duties. It was a common occurrence last term for a man to defer his appearance until the delinquency Chapel, if the date set for his regular appearance did not happen to suit his convenience.

The action taken by the Faculty is to the effect that any failure in a Chapel appearance is to be immediately considered as a delinquency and the usual penalty is to take effect at once.

We must remember, first of all, that it was our own indifference to Chapel appointments that occasioned this action on the part of the Faculty. But we have some grounds for complaint, not so much against the penalty itself, as the manner in which it is inflicted. Any law or penalty should apply equally to all without discrimination and for the same offence should have the same degree of severity. It is on this point that the College has grounds for a just protest against the recently enacted rule. For example, if a man should fail in his Chapel appearance which happened to be scheduled for early in the term, he would lose, approximately, a whole term's cuts, while the man who falls late in the term loses comparatively nothing.

In no other department in the College is a failure in any subject considered as a delinquency until a second or "ding" examination is given. Why not apply this to the Chapel work? There is no time for extra speakers at the Wednesday Chapels, but on Saturdays the hour is seldom used up. Why not give the men who fail, either on Wednesdays or Saturdays, a second trial on the Saturday platform before enforcing the penalties of a delinquency?

NEARLY A YEAR has passed since the rule was adopted by the Faculty by which the Department of Intercollegiate Basketball was abolished. Sufficient time has now elapsed to enable us to form an unbiased opinion as to whether we have been sufficiently benefited by this policy to warrant its continuance.

The obvious reason for this restriction of intercollegiate athletics was twofold;—to provide better scholarship and, by means of the department of Intramural Sports, to create a more general interest in basketball between classes and fraternities within the College.

As to whether our scholarship has improved we are not able to state. The department of Intramural Sports, however, has not been very successful, and we feel safe in saying that fewer men took an interest in the game last winter than formerly when we were represented by a 'Varsity team. As a result several underclass and independent teams were organized, not to play games among themselves in the College gym, but to meet various town and high school teams in this vicinity. These teams, purporting to represent the College, were not controlled by the Advisory Board, they were poorly coached and only succeeded in furnishing Saturday night attractions for nearby opera houses and town halls.

Interclass and Interfraternity games did not flourish.

And this brings us to the real issue of the question. Instead of the Basketball conditions as they existed last winter, would it not be much better to have a 'Varsity team representing the best ability in college, properly coached and controlled by the Advis-

ory Board, to play games in college gymnasiums and before college crowds?

The experiment has not created much enthusiasm for the game within the college. As to whether it has raised our scholarship we must refer to the Faculty.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE in the opinion of the College as to what Hamilton's policy should be in regard to the proposed dissolution of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. The letter from Cross, '10, printed elsewhere, clearly sets forth the objections to a further continuance of the league. In the next issue of LIFE there will be printed an exposition of the opposite of the question.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY has adopted the alumni system of coaching for all branches of her athletics. Since graduate coaching was established at Hamilton, the system is becoming popular.

To the Editor of LIFE:

Recently the student body of Union College almost unanimously adopted the recommendation of its Athletic Council to sever the connection of that institution with the N. Y. S. I. A. U., the same to go into effect at the close of the present college year. The reason generally assigned for this action was the difficulty encountered by the managers in arranging schedules that would meet the requirements of the constitution of the league. It is well known that Colgate takes little or no interest in the organization, and is merely waiting for a reasonable excuse to withdraw. Rochester gives forth open dissatisfaction with the league and its work and gives promise of also severing its connections at the first opportunity. The question arises "What will be the future attitude of Hamilton toward it?"

This communication is not a personal desire to rush into print, but it is its purpose to bring to the notice of the College some reasons for the withdrawal of Hamilton from the league. Laying aside the probable retirement of Colgate, Union and Rochester, as in no wise affecting the decision of the student body, two questions arise. (1) Are those benefits for which the league was organized still to be derived by its members? (2) Do the benefits derived by the College from membership in the league counterbalance the restrictions which it obviously places on the managers of the several departments?

First, the N. Y. S. I. A. U. was organized in 1897 for the "advance-

ment and improvement of amateur sports among the colleges that comprise the Union, and the regulation of such sports in the interest of sound scholarship." It is very doubtful if this league has very much to do with any "advancement or improvement of amateur sports." That must be assigned to other causes. True, the league does organize a Track Meet annually, but this could and would be carried out by the colleges of the league without the assistance of that organization. And as to "regulating such sports"—we fail to see when or where the league has accomplished any regulating. One of its avowed purposes has been the suppression of professionalism, and yet the standing of man after man of different institutions has been protested without any result forthcoming. Each college goes its way absolutely heedless of any laws which the organization may have laid down, or without any pangs of conscience for lowering the amateur standing of American athletes. And in the same way the league continues its self-satisfied life, content to have nominal authority, without realizing that there is no longer power to enforce its decrees. What, then, is accomplished?

But, even granting that the benefits for which the league was organized and which it purposes to convey, are derived, do they counterbalance the difficulties which the laws of the organization place in the way of our already trouble-burdened managers? One of the rules is in substance that each institution must play every other institution in the several branches of sport which the league recognizes, in order to be eligible to the pennant which it offers. This causes no end of trouble for the managers, and oftentimes is the reason for many a poorly-arranged schedule. We even venture to say that the managers could arrange better schedules were they not restricted by the provisions of its constitution. And that penant—what will be its value when most of the members of the league have withdrawn from the fold?

Is the N. Y. S. I. A. U. worth while to Hamilton? The answer must lie with the college in the decision which it must make in the near future. It is worth every man's consideration, and I would suggest that arguments in the columns of LIFE, either pro or con, would serve to thresh the matter out soundly before any decision is made. That should work for the one that will be for Hamilton's best interests.

MILLER CROSS, '10.

—Mangan, '12, has been elected Manager of the Sophomore baseball team.

PHI BETA KAPPA

The following men have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa from the Senior Class: McNair, Judson, Stube, Hallock and Deimel.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

The Sixteenth appointment to the Root Fellowship in Physical Science has been made to John Cook Baldwin, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The second appointment to the Locke Fellowship in Greek has been made to Earl Kenneth Hallock, of Clinton, N. Y.

COMMENCEMENT

The Senior Executive Committee has announced the following Commencement program:

CAMPUS DAY

Campus Day President, Glover.
Class Orator, Sherwin.
Poet, Coupe.
Ivy Orator, Getman.
Junior Response, E. Jones.
Sophomore Response, Erskine.
Freshman Response, Stone.

CLASS DAY

Class Day Orator, Judson.
Class Poet, Dounce.
Historian, McNair.
Prophet, Irwin Hall.
The Presentation Committee, Swift, Chairman, Hastings, Sarles, Cross.
Chairman Engs of the Executive Council announces that the Senior Ball will be in charge of Dounce, Edwards and Hemenway, while the committee for the Senior Dinner will consist of Stone, Burns and Evans.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

At a meeting of the Faculty held last Thursday the following schedule, submitted by Batchelor, '13, was approved:

April 23. Norwich H. S., at Norwich.
May 14. Camden H. S., at Clinton.
May 21. Union Freshmen, at Schenectady.
May 25. Union Freshmen, at Clinton.
May 28. Mohawk H. S., at Clinton.
June 11. Colgate Freshmen, at Clinton.

—The Oberlin Glee Club traveled over 3,500 miles and passed thru Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Illinois, on their trip just completed. A special car was used on the entire trip.

—The baseball team of the Virginia Christian College was disbanded last Saturday and its schedule cancelled because three of the players were detected smoking cigarettes. The team had won five games, without a defeat, and had seven more to play.

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HILL NOTES

—Fraser, '08, was on the Hill Saturday.

—John Bagg has entered the Junior Class from Harvard.

—The Freshman Baseball team was defeated last Saturday at Norwich by the High School team. The score was 7-6.

—Dr. J. S. Riggs, of Auburn Theological Seminary, preached in Chapel on Sunday in the absence of Dr. Stryker.

—The Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Northfield Student Conference will be held from June 24th to July 3rd.

—Pileh, 13, who was recently called to Albuquerque, New Mexico, by the illness of his father, will reenter college next year.

—Williams, '09, has been made Sporting Editor of the *Utica Press*, and accompanied the Utica team on its Spring training trip.

—Professor Davenport is giving a series of lectures before the Senior Class in Elementary Law on "The Railway Problems of America."

—Members of the baseball team were received last Saturday by Gov-

ernor Mann, of Virginia, at the Executive Mansion in Richmond.

—The next issue of LIFE will contain the Musical Clubs Supplement. Extra copies can be secured from Manager Anibal, at five cents per copy.

—Leavenworth, '09, who is instructing this year in Auburn High School, spent the week end on the Hill and assisted in coaching the pole vaulters.

TRACK PROSPECTS

Since the opening of Spring Term the track squad has been out in force. The successful winter season kept the men in good condition and encouraged others to come out. The chief addition to the winter squad is Wenigmann, whose return brings strength in the sprints. Weight-throwing seems to be the forte of the Freshmen. Several of the big men are developing form and strength in this department wherewith Hamilton should carry off the honors in the spring meets.

The principal Intercollegiate meets of the season are dual meets with Rochester and St. Lawrence.

The St. Lawrence meet is at Canton, May 21. Tho their present track team has not yet seen much competition, it is reported very fast and there will be a close struggle. The Rochester meet takes place on Steuben Field, June 4. The indoor meet proved how equally Hamilton and Rochester are matched this year, but with Wenigmann back we should be able to put up an even stronger argument than in the Utica meet.

Before these come Interclass and Interscholastic, the former on May 12th, the latter on the 14th. Interclass should bring out some close competition, especially since the Freshmen are out to retrieve their Fall showing.

For Interscholastic six teams are already entered and entries are expected almost daily until they close, May 7. The feature event is to be a mile relay for which three teams have now entered. Besides this there will be the regular program, including the two-mile run.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The Y. M. C. A. Bible Study Classes have been organized and are now meeting regularly. Last Sunday evening the members of the various groups met for study in Silliman Hall, after which an informal social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments served. All who wish to enroll in this branch of study should report to Eggleston, '12.

College Prayer Meetings will be held during Spring term every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 8 o'clock. The Religious Meetings Committee have had printed neat blotter topic cards which

are for distribution.

Next Sunday at five o'clock, Mr. S. S. Applin of the Utica Y. M. C. A. will address a meeting at Silliman Hall. This will be the first Sunday afternoon meeting of the term.

CUBS 10,—C. H. S., 4

In a game replete with sensational playing, the baseball season on the Hill was auspiciously opened on Wednesday last, when Dave Wills' "Cubs" crossed bats with the Clinton High School. From the time that "Bump" Jones called "Play Ball" until the last man had ignominiously fanned in the ninth, the outcome was in doubt. Johnson and Scoones, the Clinton slab artists, were pitted against the veteran baseball authority, "Matty" Wills, whose superb delivery and magnificent control were directly responsible for the defeat of the Clinton cohorts.

The visitors started in with a rush and held the lead until the fourth, when a base on balls and doubles by Harper and Knox scored three runs, tying the score. In the proverbial lucky seventh the "Cubs" scored five times to Clinton's once. Two more runs in the eighth on hits by Mitchell and Getman, '11, ended the scoring.

Scoones and O'Brien played well for Clinton. The individual satellites for the Cubs were numerous. The battery deserves special mention. Wills struck out seventeen of the forty men that faced him and accepted ten chances without an error. Knox caught a pretty game and was very steady and reliable. The batteries were: Clinton: Johnson, Scoones and Brady; Cubs: Wills, '10, and Knox, '12.

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